

ABSTRACT

An image processing method for playing back a moving picture includes storing scene information associated with the moving picture including, at least, data for representative frames of scenes, data for intervals of the scenes, and data for hierarchical levels of the scenes; a display step for chronologically displaying images of the representative frames of the scenes stored in the storing step on a display device based on the external designation of the hierarchical level; and a playback step to play back one of the scenes corresponding to the representative frame displayed by the display device based on an external playback instruction.